Robert, "what is the meaning of this V. C. B. on my date

"Oh, that:" says I, tryin' to throw it off careless, "Why they've called another directors' meeting of the Vicuum Clothes Brush Company. It's this noon, down at Ollie Payne's of-

"To declare a dividend?" asks Mr. Robert sarcastic.

"Either that, or to make plans to lynch somebody," says I. "As a matter of fact, Mr. Robert, I expect this is the final gasp."

"Humph!" says he, hunchin' his shoulders. "Well, it's about time.
And I don't think I care to be in at
the obsequies. I'll give you my proxy and allow you to represent us both at the sad rites, Torchy. Only don't waste the whole afternoon over it."

"Very well, sir," says I.

And I'll admit he had me with my chin down. For I might as well own up that I was the Chris. Columbus of this little enterprise, which had promised so bright only a few months had a more leaked so dismall. back and now looked so dismal. Uh-huh! It was me that run across this Ollie Payne person. He thinks he's a promoter, Ollie does. Anyway, he did along last September. And somewhere he'd dug up this nutty have the street with his wigned clothes brush. inventor with his wizard clothes brush

Course, it seems silly now, but at the time it listened good. Sounded like a winnin' proposition. Simple little thing, too. Just applyin' the suction carpet cleanin' principle to a clothes brush. As Ollie puts it: "We no longer permit dust and dirt to stay no longer permit dust and dirt to stay in our rugs and carpets, stirring it up with a broom every day. No. We take it out by the vacuum process, aided by an electric brush. So our homes are really clean. But our clothes! Why, we carry about the same dust and germs for months. Let's have it beaten and sucked out. This brush will do it."

So it would. Ollie made me let him.

So it would. Ollie made me let him try the model on my blue serge. Showed me how much dirt he took out MAY I COME ALONG!" of what I thought was a perfectly clean suit. It was such a handy lit



"I'VE HAD SOME EXPERIENCE IN HANDLING SUCH MATTERS, AND 1 .

MIGHT BE OF SOME ASSISTANCE.



OTHER ACROSS THE TABLE.

lookin' lot as we go back and forth?
If you don't believe it just look yourselves over next time you leave home
or the office. Coming or going, it
don't seem to make any difference.
You'd most think that all our dispositions had soured, or that showin
sitions had soured, or that showin
any signs of good nature was against

my good money in some shares that
affairs. As for me, I wish to say that
I believe absolutely in the ultimate
success of this company. You have a
sound, sclentific; much-wanted article
here. All that is necessary is to raise
sufficient funds to start manufacturing."

sir, why—
"Quite ready, Collins." says Chessound, sclentific; much-wanted article
here. All that is necessary is to raise
sufficient funds to start manufacturing."

"Sure. that's all." says Martin,
winkin' at the ceilin'. any signs of good nature was against you on the hoof and sucks in the dust so slick.

I expect I was givin' em back as I expect I was givin' em back as bad as they sent when all of a sudden, perhaps just to be different. I stops scowlin' and tries to remember that a lot of these folks, although total strangers, might not be wife beaters or yegg men. And the next thing I knew I was starin' at this slim. Inon-legged party with the mild blue eyes. Maybe I was wonderin why he wore the gray spats, You do, you know. They ain't so common. Or perhaps I was tryin' to guess what he could find to work up an eye twinkle about. Anyway, the twinkle was there and it was kind of welcome. I shouldn't wonder but what I flickered back at him, for he promptly edges over into the corner and signals with his thumb that intere's room for me, too. At which I slides in beside him.

"Thanks," I mumbled, half ashamed to sudden. Propage in the said as they sent when all of a sudden. Propage in a last two propage in the said as they sent when all of a sudden. Propage in a sudden. Propage in a sudden. Propage in the necessary ampunt."

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"What a little one side, who he says Chester. "And he take a big suctive deal of the says Chester. "And he take a sunder the necessary ampunt."

"Maybe a hit selfoun invest so largely in an unproved enterprise, I shall have thi he city ordinances.

I expect I was givin' 'em back as "Only it turns out that we are the real suckers," says I.

For ain't we a glum, peevishlot as we go back and forth?

And then I explains how I'd sunk
my good money in some shares that

"Pardon me," comes in Chester, "but I don't think you are warranted in taking such a gloomy view of your affairs. As for me, I wish to say that I believe sheeling in the say that I believe sheeling."

winkin' at the ceilin'.
"Sure," says Collins, taking me by
"Very well, then," says Chester, the arm and steppin' a little one side,

I sincerely hope he does." says a final crash on the rocks.

"Say you're almost too good to be true, Chester," says I. Then when we gets to the check room he greets the frosh baggage like a friend and brother, we was back on Easy street, but it's slips a fine cigar and is just thanking him cordial for diggin out his suit case, when a husky built, squares for so many cigarette coupons of that office, dug out of the files the patent to Brandt. But here it is again:

We're charter members of the LEWIS A. WOOD, THE RAMBLER'S GUIDE ON ANALOSTAN ISLAND.

In ready to swap my slips and Arthur Trader, chief clerk of that office, dug out of the files the patent to Brandt. But here it is again:

What I should have done was to the checkers and the checkers and the checkers are the checkers. jawed party steps up and greets Ches-

ter's jaw drops and his mild eyes register disappointment. But it's only for a second. Then he sticks out his hand and remarks cheerful: "Why, hello. Collins! Do you know. old man. I fancied that this time I'd given you the slip completely."

"And you very near did it, Mr. Brooks." says Collins. "Not could be slip continuous. "I say the slip completely." ou very near did it, "I say, do you do you "Me?" though, as you see." "No," says Chester. "Trust I haven't caused you a lot of worry and

"Aw, that's all right," says Col-ins. "Nice little change for us, get-

Meeting Up With Chester By Sewell Ford THE RAMBLER'S THIRD ARTICLE ON EARLY HISTORY OF ANALOSTAN ISLAND

I N the second installment of this of the land was Capt. Randolph Brandt of Charles county, Md., and that the island was granted to him between Maryland and Virginia byer their Maryland and Virginia byer and over that the island was granted to him under date of July 21, 1680. Note that this was the first private ownto 1680 title to the island was in the name of Cecilius Calvert, Baron of Baltimore, and his heirs by charter from King Charles I, son of James I and grandson of Mary Queen of Seets Before 1620. Scots. Before 1632 title was claimed to reside immediately in the Eng-

or not wasn't even debated.

It was Martin, one of the clothing salesmen, who puts his finger on the raw spot. "Well, what are we going to do?" he demands. "How do I get part of my five bundred back, that's what I want to know? And where is that fool promoter who let us in for this? The last I heard from him he was trying to find some one who'd be chump enough to underwrite half of the outstanding shares, and he said if he could—"

"Fat chance of that!" breaks in Doc. Pendergast. "Why, he's been trying to for a knockout?"

"You're some guy, you are, Chester."

It was Martin, one of the clothing salesmen, who puts his finger on the clothing salesmen, who puts his fair to do live at the retreat. It isn't so bad, however. Rather an interesting lot of characters up there; especially one who fanciers his fourth clothing the clothing salesmen,

for a knockout?

"I'm an awkward, clumsy chump."

says he. The poor devil! I hope I to find a phone booth and ring up this bank that Chester's given us the did the right thing. Fernaps I didn't give him enough."

"Huh!" says I. "I shouldn't worry about that. With what you fed him he'll probably go out and buy an equity in a push cart, and a year from now he's liable to have a store of his own on 3d avenue."

"Huh!" says I. "I shouldn't worry long to discover the awful facts. "No account here," says the bank, at which I draws a long breath and shuts my eyes. Even at that I could see the Vacuum Clothes Brush Company takin' a final crash on the rocks.

"Well?" says Mr. Robert, as I makes Chester.
"Say you're almost too good to be a draggy entrance.
"We're charter members of the

called to chew over that scheme and it didn't promise to be a very cheerful affair.

So maybe I wasn't as chirky as usual when I squeezes into a subway off at 23rd street on my way down. But then, I had lots of company. For ain't we a glum, peevish.

"I've put it over, that's why," says he. "Chester, riend Torchy. to do that for three months; peddled 'em all over Broad street, and he knows it can't be done. That's why he here today. I'll bet he's skipped. That's my hotion. "So maybe I wasn't as chirky as usual when I squeezes into a subway town. But then, I had lots of company." says he. "Then we're a lot of squeezed lemons, eh'" asks Blum. "Then we're a lot of squeezed lemons, eh'" asks Blum. "Then we're a lot of squeezed lemons, eh'" asks Blum. "Then we're a lot of squeezed lemons, eh'" asks Blum. "Then we're a lot of squeezed lemons, eh'" asks Blum. "Then we're a lot of squeezed lemons, eh'" asks Blum. "Then we're a lot of squeezed lemons, eh'" asks Blum. "Then we're a lot of squeezed lemons, eh'" asks Blum. "Then we're a lot of squeezed lemons, eh'" asks Blum. "Then we're a lot of squeezed lemons, eh'" asks Blum. "Then we're a lot of squeezed lemons, eh'" asks Blum. "Then we're a lot of squeezed lemons, eh'" asks Blum. "Then we're a lot of squeezed lemons, eh'" asks Blum. "Then we're a lot of squeezed lemons, eh'" asks Blum. "Then we're a lot of squeezed lemons, eh'" asks Blum. "Then we're a lot of squeezed lemons, eh'" asks Blum. "Then we're a lot of squeezed lemons, eh'" asks Blum. "Then we're a lot of squeezed lemons, eh'" asks Blum. "Go on!" says I "You must have a glum, peevish." ing after me-men who'd almost had me thrown out of their offices. It was getting hold of that Mr. Brooks, who's connected with Brooks & Liv-ingston, that turned the tide in our

> "What if they did." says only got around the street that the firm states. was backing us, and that's all we needed. We got 'em coming our way.

The First Private

Ownership—A
Charter From King
Charles the First.

The Barons of Baltimore—House on timore — House on the Island, and the People Who Lived There.

Indians came from Asia or eisewhere, they took title to Analostan by discovery and settlement. Perhaps on covering here they overwhelmed some older race of men and took title by right of conquest and by the extinction of the heirs of the previous owners. The Rambler can see the gray-hained spirits of some of these old Indians squatting on the rocks along the Potomac and can hear them chuckling at the teeble boast of some pale-skin upstairs that "this land has been in our family a hundred years!"

years! The title of the Barons Baltimore to the island between 1632 and 1680 and series on Analostan Island it was the title of Randolph Brandt and his said that the first private owner of the land was County Pondelph to 1785 must have contained some ele-

Examination might show that a Vir-

ginia patent included Analostan Island lish crown by right of discovery and settlement, though for generations and centuries claims to America by the crowns of Spain and France clashed, but it is not fair to you that the Rambler should lug such old disputes into the story of Analostan Island.

But you will recall—that is, you may recall it if you ever read the More with the second of the property of the company ANALOSTAN ISLAND.

ANALOSTAN ISL



shares for so many digarette with the pattern of the first should have done was to have called another board meeting and roused our bunch of pikers out of their sweet dreams. But I hated to be the one to hand "em such distressing news. Day after day I put it office."

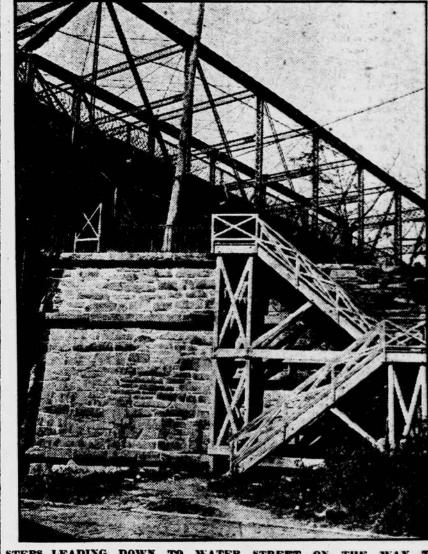
And then here yesterday Ollied Payne blows in, all flushed and excited, and proceeds to pound me impetuous on the back.

"I say, old chap!" he shouted. "What I don't know. It would be a long and interesting recital. But why the assault and battery?"

"Me?" says I. "Say, lemme tell you what I don't know. It would be a long and interesting recital. But why the assault and battery?"

The day after that appeared in The later it is again:

In obedience to a warrant from his Lordship, 1880, granted the said in humble manner, certifies that Richard Edelin, surveyor general of the aforesaid in humble manner, certifies that Richard Edelin, surveyor general of this Province, and in reference to a warrant grom his Lordship again the matter of the dam and causeway which connected Analostan Island with the Virginia shore. He wants to introduce you to Thomas Moore, engineer in charge of that work, and a man who has many other of this Province, and in reference to a warrant grom his Lordship again the matter of the dam and causeway which connected Analostan Island with the Virginia shore. He wants to introduce you to Thomas Moore, engineer in charge of that the Virginia shore. He was a warrant grom his Lordship again the matter of the dam and causeway which connected Analostan Island with the Virginia shore. He was a surveyor generall of the aforesaid in humble manner, certifies that Richard Edelin, surveyor generall of the aforesaid in humble manner, certifies that Richard Edelin, surveyor generall of the aforesaid in humble manner, certifies that Richard Edelin, surveyor generall of the same of the facts were given to the Rambler by his old individual to the part of the aforesaid in humble was a country from a section of the Society of Friends, came to this pa



STEPS LEADING DOWN TO WATER STREET ON THE WAY TO ANALOSTAN ISLAND.

is standing, the mounds of debris, the massive foundation walls and the deep, wide cellars show that it was one of the great houses of this part of the world. The financial tragedy which caused the loss of this home to its builder must be a sad story. The records in the office of recorder of deeds throw no light on why Gen Mason needthrow no light on why Gen. Mason need-ed the sums of money which he borrow-ed from the Bank of the United States throw no light on why Gen. Mason needed the sums of money which he borrowed from the Bank of the United States in 1825. The aggregate of several promissory notes signed by Gen. Mason, and his wife. Anna Maria Mason, in that year was \$28,500. It must have been an unfortunate business adventure he entered upon. There is also been an unioritumate business there is also those who reside. This creature was no light on the reason which caused installed in the pension office about ten years ago and soon after his in-Gen. Mason and his wife to execute a second deed of trust in 1829 to secure the Bank of the United States on notes indorsed by him, but which were made by John W. Bronaugh, John Cooke, William Brent, jr.; Edgar McCarty and Brent and Cooke.

It was after the loss of his beautiful rather, the tiled floors of court and rather, the tiled floors of court and rather. home and his beloved island that Gen.
Mason went to live at Clermont,
where he died in April, 1849, leaving

In "The Chronicles of Georgetown and sacred office papers, or in carefrom 1751 to 1878," written by Richard fully prepared nooks in desk draw-P. Jackson, is this reference to the Mason home on Analostan Island:

is possessions to his wife and his

and Eilbeck Mason.

The day after that appeared in The Star the Rambler received the follow-Star the Rambler received the following:

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W. Va.,
February 7, 1921.

In reading the Rambler's account of Analostan Island in The Star of February 6, 1921.

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It take pleasure in informing you that Capt. Randolph Brandt of Charles county. Md. owned and willed that island to his daughter and her husband, Hammersly. His will is of record at Annapolis.

Capt. Randolph Brandt was his lordship's captain of Indian affairs for Charles county. Md. He came to Maryland from the Barbadoes and was given many land grants.

The note came from the late Mrs.

The note came from the late Mrs. "Why, didn't yon know? He's only a stray from a nut factory—a soft-headed nephew that they keep parked | American Revolution whose home during matheds which mathed to maryland and began farm-ing tory bond? No; not one beside this supreme cat, who walked now as though the earth were not beneath foremost farmers of the large matheds which mathed which walked out with stray from a nut factory—a soft-headed nephew that they keep parked in a sanitarium. They took him back that same day."

"What if they did." says Ollie. "It hard to keep in mind all these new these was the refrigerator, the fore-ext around the street that the firm runner of the devices now in use, and the patent for the invention issued the patent for the invention issued him; perhaps the strain of the war in 1803, and signed by Thomas Jeffertold on him, as it did on most people. was backing us, and the was a needed. We got 'em coming our way. We're on our feet, Torchy. Call the board together and we'll see about starting the factory. Once we get that going and vou'll see our stock go, above par. I'll bet a million it will."

Course, you got to allow some for Ollie's enthusiasm, but I shouldn't wonder but what he's somewhere near right. Did you notice the quotations on V. C. B. yesterday?

And poor Chester back behind the bars! I don't know, though, as he needs much sympathizin' with. Discountin' the bats in his loft, how when it comes right down to enjoyin' if Eh?

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Before going over to Annapolis or down to La Plata the Rambier stop-stant to Annapolis or down to La Plata the Rambier stop-stant to Annapolis or down to La Plata the Rambier stop-stant to Annapolis or down to La Plata the Rambier stop-stant to Annapolis or down to La Plata the Rambier stop-stant to Annapolis or down to La Plata the Rambier stop-stant to Annapolis or down to La Plata the Rambier stop-stant to Annapolis or down to La Plata the Rambier stop-stant to Annapolis or down to La Plata the Rambier stop-stant to Annapolis or down to La Plata the Rambier stop-stant and James Madison. Secretary of State, is in possession of sale, is the shear in 1802 and signed by Thomas Jeffers and James Madison. Secretary of State, is in possession of sale, is mossession to fall the showed signs of arc, and signed by Thomas Jeffers and James Madison. Secretary of State, is in possession of sale, is mossession to fall the showed signs of arc, and signed by Thomas Jeffers and James Madison. Secretary of State, is in possession of sale, is mossession to fall the showed signs of arc, and signed by Thomas Jeffers and James Madison. Secretary of State, is in possession of sale. He showed signs of arc, and signed by Thomas Jeffers and James Madison. Secretary of State, is in possession of sale. He showed signs of arc, and signed by Thomas Jeffers in the Land and James Madison. Secretary of State, is

Owner of a Bond,

Goes to Last Rest
The pendion office cat is dead. By
the pendion office cat it is not meant to refer to any of the mere installed in the pension office about

corridors as one who "belongs." He was large, well fed, even corpulent. He came and went as he pleased. hildren, Catherine, James M. Mason He was petted when he chose to permit it. He took his siestas wherever it best suited him, on top of desks ers when he came and asked to have

Mason home on Analostan Island:

"Just opposite the town is Analostan Island, with its beautiful trees and verdant fields, embracing mear 100 acres, and is denominated Mason.'s Island, being the former residence of the late Gen. Mason. who entertained Louis Phillipe when on a visit to the United States in 1798. James M. Mason. Isle Confederate minister to Europe, was bern there. The dwelling, in which so much princely hospitality was exhibited, was burnt down during the civil war. The island is now used as a pleasure resort. A stone causeway connects the island with the Virginia shore, which was errected in 1805, at a heavy expense, for the purpose of improving the channel off the river by throwing the whole body of water on the eastern side of the island.

As the Rambler nears the close of umned precincts, but to earn their daily bread in his palace.

them spened for him.

During the war, when patriotic speeches were made by distinguished men in the large court, in behalf of the Red Cross, or for the purpose of raising money for the liberty loans. the cat took part. Never did he miss an assembly, and under his fur coat his heart was stirred by all the lofty. patriotic utterances until he would seek a place at the very foot of the dais raised for the speaker of the occasion. When patriotic songs were sung in the morning during those trying months, the cat's soul seemed to respond, and he would walk softly about his large court, too moved to raise his voice with the others.

But the climar of his glory came at

But the climax of his glory came at the close of the big drive to put over the top the last victory loan. Every one in the pension office bought, and some

Perhaps his pride was too much for

A LANGE SECTION